

## Lec 14

## PLU factorization -1-

Consider  $Ax=b$

If we knew the row exchanges that were required to solve the system by Gaussian elimination, we could arrange the original eq<sup>n</sup>s in an order that would ensure that no row interchanges were needed.

Let the matrix  $P$  represent this a priori sequence of row exchanges. Then

$$(PA)x = (Pb)$$

can be solved w/o row exchanges.

∴ The matrix  $PA$  can be factored as:

$$PA = LU$$

where  $L$  is lower triangular and  $U$  is upper triangular.

But how do we compute  $P$ ?

As before, we may compute the 1st column of  $P$  by applying it to the 1st basis vector. Suppose, for concreteness, that our space is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and the only row exchange necessary to solve  $Ax=b$  is  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ . Then

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

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

Thus:

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



Equivalently,

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row exchanges}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

In words, to compute  $P$  we apply row exchanges to the identity matrix.

MEANING  
OF  $P^T$ .

We have:

$$PA = A_{R1 \leftrightarrow R2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (PA)^T = (A_{R1 \leftrightarrow R2})^T \quad (**)$$

We know from linear algebra that

$$LHS = A^T P^T$$

Now consider RHS: First write

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -R_1- \\ -R_2- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$A_{R1 \leftrightarrow R2} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_2- \\ -R_1- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$(A_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2})^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ R_2 & R_1 & R_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $(\Phi\Phi) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ R_1 & R_2 & R_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} P^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ R_2 & R_1 & R_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, if  $P$  represents a seq. of row swaps, then  $P^T$  represents the corresponding seq. of column swaps.

INVERSE  
OF  $P$ .

What is the inverse of  $P$ ?

Any permutation matrix is the product of elementary permutation where by "elementary" I mean a permutation that swaps two rows (or two columns) ONLY.

Ex:

$$P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -R_1- \\ -R_2- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_2- \\ -R_1- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} -R_2- \\ -R_1- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_2- \\ -R_3- \\ -R_1- \end{bmatrix}$$



Thus:

$$P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -R_1- \\ -R_2- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_2- \\ -R_3- \\ -R_1- \end{bmatrix}$$

Since swapping  $R_i$  with  $R_j$  is the same as swapping  $R_j$  with  $R_i$ , each elementary permutation matrix is symmetric and coincides with its inverse.

Ex

$$P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P_{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1}$$

symmetric.

Also:

$$P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -R_1- \\ -R_2- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_2- \\ -R_1- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1} P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -R_1- \\ -R_2- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_1- \\ -R_2- \\ -R_3- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1} P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} = I \quad \text{Similarly} \quad P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} P_{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow [P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2}]^{-1} = P_{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1} = P_{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2}$$

Write a general permutation matrix as the product of elementary permutation matrices:

$$P = P_1 \cdots P_k$$

We have:

$$P^{-1} = (P_1 \cdots P_k)^{-1}$$

$$= P_k^{-1} \cdots P_1^{-1}$$

$$= P_k \cdots P_1$$

$$= P_k^T \cdots P_1^T$$

$$= (P_1 \cdots P_k)^T$$

ie.  $\boxed{P^{-1} = P^T} \quad (*)$

Recall:  $Ax = b$

$$\Rightarrow PA = LU$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow \boxed{A = P^T L U.}$$



Ex Find the PLU decomposition of

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

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combine rows  $\rightarrow$

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

$m_{21} = 1$   
 $m_{31} = -1$

$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

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

$m_{32} = 0$

Thus one row exchange ( $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$ ) was required. The corresponding permutation matrix is:

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

Now repeat Gaussian elimination, this time doing all the row exchanges up front (which is equivalent to pre-multiplying  $A$  by  $P$ ):

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

$\longleftrightarrow$   
 $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

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

combine  
rows  $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

same as  
before

$$m_{21} = -1$$

$$m_{31} = 1$$

$$(m_{32} = 0)$$

different  
from before!

Thus LU factorization of PA is  
LU, where

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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



CHECK:

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

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

$$= PA$$

Thus

$$A = P^T LU = PLU$$

(since  $P$  is elementary).

CHECK: We know:

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

and  $P$  interchanges  $R_2, R_3$ . Thus

$$PLU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{swapped.}$$

... which is  $A$ , as it should be.

Ex Find PLU factorization of

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

using standard G.E.

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$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$

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

eliminate  
1<sup>st</sup> col.

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

$$m_{21} = 0$$

$$m_{31} = -1$$

elim.  
2<sup>nd</sup> col.

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

$$m_{32} = 2$$

Thus

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

Since the row exchanges already



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occurred up front, we don't need to redo G.E. and

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ; U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

CHECK :  $LU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$P^T L U = P L U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \\ \uparrow \end{matrix} \text{swapped}$$

which is  $A$ , as it should be.

Ex Recompute a PLU factorization of

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

this time using partial pivoting.

Soln

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \\ \text{(PARTIAL PIVOTING)} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{elim} \\ \text{1st col.} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_{21} = 0$$

$$m_{31} = -1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \\ \text{(PARTIAL PIVOTING)} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{eliminate} \\ \text{2nd col.} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_{32} = \frac{1}{2}$$

With partial pivoting, we needed 2 row exchanges (instead of 1, previously).



Thus

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

$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$

$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$

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

(notice this is not symmetric - it is not elementary).

Now perform GE w/ partial pivoting on

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

dim 1st  
col.  $\rightarrow$

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

$$m_{21} = -1$$

$$m_{31} = 0$$

elim 2nd  
col.  $\rightarrow$

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

$$m_{32} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus

$$A = P^T L U$$

where

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

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

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

check:

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

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

$$P^T L U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



which is  $A$  is required.



These last two examples demonstrate that a PLU factorization is not unique:

$$\begin{matrix} & & PT & & L & & U \\ A & = & & & & & \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{w/} \\ \text{partial} \\ \text{pivoting} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{w/o} \\ \text{partial} \\ \text{pivoting} \end{matrix}$$

Wow!