

and check that

$$MA_5 = U_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4/3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6/5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(3) Write a **Matlab** program defining the function  $\text{Ematrix}(n, i, j, b)$  which is the  $n \times n$  matrix that adds  $b$  times row  $j$  to row  $i$ . Also write some **Matlab** code that produces an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A_n$  generalizing the matrices  $A_4$  and  $A_5$ .

Use your program to figure out which five matrices  $E_{i,j;\beta}$  reduce  $A_6$  to the upper triangular matrix

$$U_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4/3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6/5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7/6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Also use your program to figure out which six matrices  $E_{i,j;\beta}$  reduce  $A_7$  to the upper triangular matrix

$$U_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4/3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6/5 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7/6 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8/7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(4) Find the lower triangular matrices  $L_6$  and  $L_7$  such that

$$L_6 U_6 = A_6$$

and

$$L_7 U_7 = A_7.$$

(5) It is natural to conjecture that there are  $n - 1$  matrices of the form  $E_{i,j;\beta}$  that reduce  $A_n$  to the upper triangular matrix

$$U_n = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4/3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6/5 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & (n+1)/n \end{pmatrix},$$