

□ So far we have seen : $\text{var}(u) = G = A \cdot \bar{u}^2$

□ But for MME, we need $G^{-1} = A^{-1} \cdot \bar{u}^{-2}$

□ In summary : BLUP animal models are only possible in real data sets because solutions can be obtained from MME and there is an efficient algorithm to directly compute A^{-1} without computing A .

□ Direct construction of A^{-1} is based on the so-called LDL-decomposition of A

$A = L \cdot D \cdot L^T$ where L is lower-triangular and D is diagonal matrix

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} \times & & \\ \times & \times & \\ \times & \times & \times \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \times & & \\ & \times & \\ & & \times \end{bmatrix}$$