1 Solving (Square) Linear System using LU decomposition: Factor and Solve

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Then there exists an invertible lower triangular matrix $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with 1's on the diagonals, a matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ in row echelon form and a permutation matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, such that

PA = LU.

Tasks:

1. **Factorization:** Implement a function factor_lu(A) which computes the LU decomposition of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. It shall output two numpdy.ndarray's of shape (n,n). One is lu which on the lower triangular part (excluding the diagonal) contains the information of L and on the upper triangular part (including the diagonal) contains the information for U. The other is piv which is the permutation matrix P.

Hints:

- You can recycle previous codes.
- 2. **Solving:** Implement a function solve_lu(Lu, P, b) which takes as input the numpy.ndarray's Lu and P computed by factor_lu(A) as well as a vector $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$. It shall then apply the three-stage solving procedure presented in the lecture and output the solution x of Ax = b.

Hints:

- Recall the solving procedure:
 - 1) permute right hand side $\bar{b} = Pb$
 - 2) solve lower triangular system $Lz = \bar{b}$ for z
 - 3) solve upper triangular system Ux = z for x
- For steps 2) and 3) you can use your function solve_tri(A, b, lower) from Ex. 2.
- 3. Test your routine on an example.

Solution: