

Consider the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. If we were to start Gaussian elimination on  $B$  with partial pivoting, we would need to exchange rows 1 and 2. Find a  $3 \times 3$  exchange matrix  $E_1$  that has the property that for any  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $C$ ,  $E_1 C$  exchanges rows 1 and 2 and keeps row 3 in place.
2. What is  $E_1 \cdot E_1$ ? Can you predict the answer without doing the matrix multiplication?
3. Let  $L_0$  be the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix and let  $U_0 = B$ . These are your starting approximations for  $L$  and  $U$ ; we'll build them up as we progress. For now, justify the following equation.

$$E_1 B = (E_1 L_0 E_1)(E_1 U_0).$$

4. Let  $\hat{U}_0 = E_1 U_0$  and  $\hat{L}_0 = E_1 L_0 E_1$ .

1. Why is  $E_1 B = \hat{L}_0 \hat{U}_0$ ?
2. Write down  $\hat{U}_0$  and  $\hat{L}_0$  explicitly. How is  $\hat{U}_0$  related to  $U_0$ ?

It's ok if  $\hat{L}_0$  is a little mysterious at this point. At any rate,  $\hat{L}_0$  and  $\hat{U}_0$  are your new approximations for  $L$  and  $U$ .

5. Now  $\hat{U}_0$  is in good shape for the first round of Gaussian elimination.

1. Clear the first column to compute  $U_1$  and  $L_1$ ,

2. Verify by multiplying that

$$E_1 B = L_1 U_1.$$

6. If you have computed  $U_1$  correctly, you'll see that the pivot for column 2 lies in row 3. Bummer. Find an exchange matrix  $E_2$  that exchanges rows 2 and 3.

7. Justify the following equation.

$$E_2 E_1 B = (E_2 L_1 E_2) E_2 U_1.$$

8. Compute  $\hat{L}_1 = E_2 L_1 E_2$  and  $\hat{U}_1 = E_2 U_1$ . These are our new approximations to  $L$  and  $U$ .

9. How is  $\hat{U}_1$  related to  $U_1$ ?

10. This is the really fun and important question. How is  $\hat{L}_1$  related to  $L_1$ ? Make sure you talk to me before progressing past this point.

11. Why is

$$E_2 E_1 B = \hat{L}_1 \hat{U}_1?$$

(Do no hard work; just look at the last two problems).

12. Perform the final round of Gaussian elimination to clear the second column and compute  $L_2$  and  $U_2$ .

13. Verify that  $E_2E_1$  is a permutation matrix  $P$ .

14. What are  $P$ ,  $L$  and  $U$  such that

$$PB = LU?$$

15. Use  $P$ ,  $L$  and  $U$  to solve  $Bx = b$  where

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$