

# 10.3.4.2.5

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**Question:** A lending library has a fixed charge for the first three days and an additional charge for each day thereafter. Saritha paid Rs. 27 for a book kept for seven days, while Susy paid Rs. 21 for the book she kept for five days. Find the fixed charge and the charge for each extra day.

**1) Theoretical Solution:**

Let the fixed charge be Rs.  $x$  and the additional charge per day be Rs.  $y$

$$\Rightarrow x + 4y = 27 \quad (1.1)$$

$$x + 2y = 21 \quad (1.2)$$

$$\text{From 1.1, } x = (27 - 4y) \quad (1.3)$$

$$\text{Substituting } x \text{ in 1.2, we get } (27 - 4y + 2y) = 21 \quad (1.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 3 \quad (1.5)$$

$$x = 15 \quad (1.6)$$

$$\therefore \text{The fixed charge is Rs. 15 and extra charge per day is Rs. 3} \quad (1.7)$$

**2) LU Decomposition using Doolittle's algorithm**

The system of linear equations:  $x + 4y = 27$  and  $x + 2y = 21$  can be written in matrix form as;

$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

Doolittle's algorithm decomposes  $A$  into a lower triangular matrix  $L$  and an upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that:

$$A = LU$$

where:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ 0 & u_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

The elements of  $L$  and  $U$  are computed using:

$$U[i][j] = A[i][j] - \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} L[i][k]U[k][j] \quad (2.1)$$

$$L[i][j] = \frac{A[i][j] - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} L[i][k]U[k][j]}{U[j][j]} \quad (2.2)$$

with the constraint  $L[i][i] = 1$ .

Thus, we obtain

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Solving for $\mathbf{x}$ using Forward and Backward Substitution**

With  $A = LU$ , we solve:

$$L\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving step-by-step:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Backward Substitution**

Expanding  $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus we obtain;

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

