b. Proposition: The inverse of an invertible upper/lower triangular matrix is

Proof: Let A be an upper triangular of size nxn, and let B= A be an nxn matrix that is not upper triangular. Then I bij to for i > j. Let bix \$ for the smallet KENSitra K<1. For C= BA Cik = Ej bijajk = bijaik + bizazk + ... + bikakk + ... + binank. Since bit is the first nonzero element in that now, all bijajk in the sum where j<k vanish.

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cont. So Cik = bikakk + ... + binank, However, since A is Upper triangular and dik's row indices are greater than its column indices, all bix $0 \neq 0$ for j > k,

Thus Cik = bix axx ≠ 0.

Since C = A'A = I, C should have nonzero elements only on the diagonal, which can only be true if i=k. Since k < i, there is a contradiction.

Hence, $B = A^{-1}$ is upper triangular. \square Again, the same logic applies since A^{T} is lawer triangular and $(A^{T})^{-1} = (A^{-1})^{T}$,

3,2,5, For a matrix to be nonsingular, its determinant needs to be nonzero. For some nxn unit lower triangular matrix, we see that its determinant will always be 1.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ d_{21} & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ d_{31} & d_{32} & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ d_{n1} & d_{n2} & d_{n3} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$det(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ d_{32} & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ d_{n2} & d_{n3} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus a unit lower triangular matrix will always be nonsingular. The same applies to unit upper triangular matrices since the same orocess may be repeated with columns of A.





