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LDU decomposition by row operation

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

$$r_2 = r_2 - r_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_3 = r_3 - r_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_2 = c_2 + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = c_1 + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Forwarded Row Operation v.s. Cross Filling

One step cross-filling

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

One step cross-filling = forward row operation

 $\mathsf{Cross\text{-}center} = \mathsf{pivot}$

Forwarded Row Operation v.s. Cross Filling

Look at the following cross-filling decomposition

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

This decompose the matrix into the product

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cross-center = pivot

Forwarded Row Operation v.s. Cross Filling

Don't forgot that you can also look column by column

The left factor is in fact obtained by forward column operation.

Pro, Cons of two method.

Cross-Filling	Row/Col Operation
Symmetric on rows/cols	Only emphasis in one of row/columns
Useful for projection operator	Easy for calculating inverse

Can you write first summand into a product of matrices?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$e_1=egin{pmatrix}1\\0\\0\\0\\0\end{pmatrix} \qquad e_1'=egin{pmatrix}1&0&0\end{pmatrix}$$

The expression $Ae_1(e_1'Ae_1)^{-1}e_1'A$ is algebraic expression for cross-filling.

Excercise. A is $m \times n$ matrix, let e_i be ith column of I_n , and e_j be j'th row of I_m . The corss-filling matrix obtained from the center at j'th row i'th column is given by

Answer: $Ae_i(e_j'Ae_i)^{-1}e_j'A$.

Algebraic expression is useful when writting proof.

Excercise.A projection matrix P is a square matrix with $P^2 = P$. Suppose P is a projection matrix, and P' is a matrix obtained from P by cross filling. Is P' again a projection matrix?

Solution: Suppose P is $n \times n$ matrix. Let e_i be i'th column of I_n , then

$$P' = Pe_i(e_j^T Pe_i)^{-1}e_j^T P$$

By calculation

$$P'P' = Pe_{i}(e_{j}^{T}Pe_{i})^{-1}e_{j}^{T}PPe_{i}(e_{j}^{T}Pe_{i})^{-1}e_{j}^{T}P$$

$$= Pe_{i}(e_{j}^{T}Pe_{i})^{-1}e_{j}^{T}Pe_{i}(e_{j}^{T}Pe_{i})^{-1}e_{j}^{T}P$$

$$= Pe_{i}(e_{j}^{T}Pe_{i})^{-1}e_{j}^{T}P = P'.$$

In the future class, the cross-filling method is **extremely important for projection matrix**

Recall that when we try explaining rows of matrices,

		•
6	2	2
	1	1
	0	4
	2	1

DO NOT MEAN

$$= 1 \cdot + 1 \cdot (Wrong)$$

Actual meaning: $[\bullet] = 1 \cdot [\bullet] + 1 \cdot [\bullet] (Correct)$

The number of $= 1 \cdot$ The number of $+ 1 \cdot$ The number of $= 1 \cdot$



Therefore, a matrix of making meals, can therefore give a matrix of making counters.

		•
6	2	2
	1	1
	0	4
	2	1

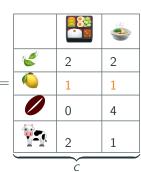
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2	1	0	4
2	1	4	1

This is the transpose of the matrix.

Since the transpose exchanges the position of the material list and compund list, the order of the matrix multiplication should change.

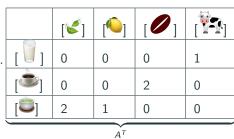
9	0	0	2
	0	0	1
	0	2	0
	1	0	0
Ā			

	2	1
	0	2
8	1	1
	В	



AB = C





		[🗳]	[🍋]	[0]	
=		2	1	0	2
	[•]	2	1	4	1
			CT		

 $B^TA^T = C^T$.

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Therefore

Theorem 1

$$AB = C \iff B^T A^T = C^T$$

Inverse of matrices

Excercise. Recall the way we introduce inverse is to flip the materials and compunds each other

0	2
1	0

0	
0	1
0.5	0

Please use the same logic, try to understand why

$$AB = C \iff B^{-1}A^{-1} = C^{-1}.$$

Inverse of matrices

The expression can be deduced formally.

$$AB=C\iff B=A^{-1}C\iff BC^{-1}=A^{-1}\iff C^{-1}=B^{-1}A^{-1}.$$

Another story to understand this:

You put socks on then shoes on ; But when take them off, you put shoes off and then socks off.

LDU decomposition for symmetric matrix

If A is symmetric, we have $A = A^T$.

Suppose

$$A = LDU$$
.

Therefore $A^T = U^T D^T L^T$. If A is symmetric, we have $A = A^T$, so

$$U^T D^T L^T = LDU$$

Furthermore, if A is invertible, its LDU decomposition is unique, then

$$U = L^T$$

We can write LDU decomposition of invertible symmetric matrix A as LDL^{T} .

LDU decomposition for symmetric matrix

Warning: Not all matrix is LDU decomposible (even invertible matrices). For example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is symemtric but not *LDU*-decomposable.

However, things are nice for so-called **positive definite matrix**

Definition 1

An $n \times n$ matrix A is called **positive definite** if

$$v^T A v > 0$$

for any $v \neq 0$.

YOU MUST REMEMBE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT THEOREM

Theorem 2

A positive definite matrix A is both invertible and LDL^T-decomposable, all diagonal entries of D are positive numbers!

Recall: Suppose A is $n \times n$ matrix.

LDU-decomposable \iff cross-fillable with center on diagonal

invertible \iff decomposing into ${\color{red} n}$ matrices with cross-filling

In other words, the theorem is equivalent as saying.

positive definite matrix cross-fillable along diagonals one by one.

Let A be a positive definite matrix, we need to start by proving its first element non-zero.

First diagonal element $e_1^T A e_1 > 0$ (recall e_1 first column of I_n). So is **cross-fillable**!

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The process will finish if

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is again a positive definite matrix, then an induction can be use.

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{1} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

So why

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is positive definite? That is why

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} > 0$$

for
$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
?

The idea is simple, firstly, realize that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we may simply choose * to make sure

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

In our case, * = -(x + y). This implies that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}_{A} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -(x+y) & x & y \end{pmatrix} A \begin{pmatrix} -(x+y) \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix} > 0$$

So A_1 is positive definite, and therefore the cross-filling process may continue.

Connection between two ways of representing subspaces

We explain the connection between cross-filling and matrix LDU decomposition.

Suppose a cross filling decomposition has been made by choosing cross center on diagonals

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Observation, (think from perspective of column actions)

$$egin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \ 1 & 1 & 1 \ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \ 1 & * & * \ -1 & * & * \end{pmatrix} egin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \ 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

or (row actions)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{vmatrix}$$

Now you can see

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 1 & * & * \\ -1 & * & * \end{vmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{vmatrix}$$

Question: Why the following is true?

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

A scaled version:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & \frac{0}{2} & * \\ * & \frac{2}{2} & * \\ * & \frac{2}{2} & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 2 & & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ \frac{0}{2} & \frac{2}{2} & \frac{2}{2} \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ -\mathbf{1} & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & * \\ * & \frac{2}{2} & * \\ * & \frac{2}{2} & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 2 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & \frac{2}{2} & \frac{2}{2} \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ * & * & \frac{3}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & * \\ * & 1 & * \\ * & 1 & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & \mathbf{2} & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 3
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
* & * & 0 \\
* & * & 0 \\
* & * & 1
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
0 & & & \\
& 0 & \\
& & 3
\end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}
* & * & * \\
* & * & * \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & \mathbf{2} & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{D} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{U}$$

Proposition 1

Let $A = P_1 + P_2 + \cdots + P_m$ be a cross-filling decomposition of $n \times n$ matrix. Suppose A = LDU for some lower triangular L, upper U an diagonal D such that diagonals of L and U are all 1. Assume

$$D=egin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & d_i & & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & d_i & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

only keep ith entry

Then $P_i = LD_iU$.

Cross-Filling and LDU decomposition

This proposition has the following conclusions

- 1. The i'th diagonal entry d_i of D is the cross-filling center of P_i
- 2. Let $\vec{c_i}$ be i'th column of L, then the scaled column $\vec{c_i} \cdot d_i$ is the column of the cross of P_i
- 3. Let r_i be i'th row of U, then the scaled row $d_i \cdot r_i$ is the row of the cross of P_i .

In other words, the decomposition A = LDU stores all the data of the cross-filling along diagonals. Therefore all matrices L, D, U is uniquely determined by A.

Our previous method of solving linear equations with cross-filling can be formally described by triangular systems.

Consider previous linear system

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}}_{A} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The cross filling

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

yields to a LDU decomposition

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{D} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{U}$$

Each row of DU is the rows of each cross,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ 1 & 1 & \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 2 & 2 \\ & & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{DU}$$

Each rows of the cross is exactly each intermediate equations that helpped us solving equations before. Let

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} := \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 2 & 2 \\ & & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{DU} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Then u, v, w are those intermediate equations.

The original equation just have the form

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ 1 & 1 & \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{l} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{DU} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving triangular system is just by substitutions. For example u=a, $v=b-au=b-a^2$, and so on...

Not all matrices are LDU-decomposable

A matrix is LDU-decomposable if and only if it can be cross-filled from diagonal. But this is not always the case. For example

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

It just fails from the first step, we got 0 on diagonal, preventing us from cross-filling from it.

Not all matrices are LDU-decomposable

Even if some matrix can be cross-filled from the first step, the second step might fail if we insists of picking diagonals

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{0} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

????oh!NO! a non-zero cross with zero center...

Not all matrices are LDU-decomposable

The problem comes from our restriction to ourselves.

WHY picking diagonals only?

A lot of trouble in this world come from the lack of freedom.

We ask for more freedom!

Now we are allow to do cross-filling following the order of columns, and lift the restriction on rows. This allows us to do more.

The following matrix is not LDU decomposable, but we may decompose it the following way

For PLDU decomposition, every time we **must** choose the first non-zero column. But no restriction on rows.

The point is that the corss center can be distributed on diagonal after applying row operations on both side

This gives the decomposition

$$PA = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{I} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{I}.$$

Therefore, we can always find some row operator P, such that PA can be decomposed into LDU.

Comments

When we write it into LDU with one of the diagonal entry of D equal to 0, we can assign arbitray numbers in that corresponding col and ros of L and U

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{U}.$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & * & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{L} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{L}.$$

In other words, we may always assume L and U are triangular matrices with 1 on diagonal.

Column and row switchings together

If we allow both column and row switchings, we have complete freedom

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}}_{A} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_{P_{1}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix}}_{P_{2}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{P_{3}}$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 \\ 0 & -1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

which can be decomposed into LDU.

The invertibility of a matrix

Observation:

Proposition 2

A triangular matrix is invertible if and only if all its diagonal entries are non-zero.

The invertibility of a matrix

Proposition 3

An $n \times n$ matrix A is invertible if and only if it can be decomposed into n many rank-1 matrices by cross-filling.

A cross-filling corresponds to a decomposition of the form P_1LDUP_2 , where all P_1, L, U, P_2 are invertible. The number of non-zero entries in D corresponds to the number of rank 1 matrices in the decomposition.