

# **Set 2: Solving Linear Systems**

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## The Problem

- $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$
- Given  $A$  and  $b$  find  $x$  where

$$Ax = b$$

- $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns
- Many ways to interpret the problem , e.g., algebraic, analytic, geometric.
- Many ways to characterize the development of algorithms

## Solving Linear Systems

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .  $A$  is **nonsingular** if and only if any of the following equivalent conditions are true*

- *The rank of  $A$  is  $n$ .*
- *$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\}$*
- *For  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $Ax = 0 \rightarrow x = 0$ .*
- *The columns and rows of  $A$  are linearly independent.*
- *For any  $b \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .*
- *There is a (unique) matrix denoted  $A^{-1}$  such that  $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$  where  $I = [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]$*

## Solving Linear Systems

A unique solution  $x$  for

$$Ax = b$$

where  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $x$  and  $b$  are  $n$  vectors is equivalent to  $A$  being nonsingular and then  $x = A^{-1}b$ .

- How do we compute this in practice?
- Is the solution accurate?
- Is the algorithm reliable?
- What do we mean by accurate and reliable?

## Inverses and their Avoidance

- $A$  nonsingular
- $x = A^{-1}b$
- Algorithm:
  - compute  $A^{-1}$
  - compute  $x = A^{-1}b$
- DISASTROUS in both complexity and numerical robustness
- Generally, we compute the effect of the inverse NOT the inverse itself.

## Identity Element for Matrices

Simplest case:  $A = I = [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]$

$$Ax = b$$

$$Ix = b$$

$$x = b$$

**Example 2.1.**  $n = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Diagonal Matrix

$A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is a nonsingular diagonal matrix  $\alpha_{ij} = 0$ , for  $i \neq j$  and  $\alpha_{ii} \neq 0$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  due to structural orthogonality.

**Example 2.2.**  $n = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Diagonal Matrix

This defines the following identities and nonsingularity guarantees they can be solved.:

$$\alpha_{11}\xi_1 = \phi_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \xi_1 = \alpha_{11}^{-1}\phi_1$$

$$\alpha_{22}\xi_2 = \phi_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \xi_2 = \alpha_{22}^{-1}\phi_2$$

$$\alpha_{33}\xi_3 = \phi_3 \quad \rightarrow \quad \xi_3 = \alpha_{33}^{-1}\phi_3$$

$$\alpha_{44}\xi_4 = \phi_4 \quad \rightarrow \quad \xi_4 = \alpha_{44}^{-1}\phi_4$$

In other words,  $D^{-1}$  is trivially constructed and

$$x = D^{-1}b$$

This is one of the very few times we actually construct the inverse!



## Unitary Matrices

**Definition 2.1.** A matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  ( or in  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  ) with columns  $Ae_i = a_i$  is said to be **unitary** ( **orthogonal** ) if

- $\|a_i\|_2 = 1$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$
- $a_i^H a_j = 0$  for  $i \neq j$
- Equivalently,  $AA^H = A^H A = I_m$

**Example 2.3.**

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

## Orthogonal Matrices

- $A$  orthogonal  $\rightarrow A^{-1} = A^T$
- Simple to check nearness to orthogonality
- Easy to solve systems  $Ax = b \rightarrow x = A^T b$
- Extremely important role as
  - accurate computational primitive class
  - powerful analytical tool

## Triangular System of Equations Example

For  $n = 4$ :

$$\lambda_{11}\xi_1 = \phi_1$$

$$\lambda_{21}\xi_1 + \lambda_{22}\xi_2 = \phi_2$$

$$\lambda_{31}\xi_1 + \lambda_{32}\xi_2 + \lambda_{33}\xi_3 = \phi_3$$

$$\lambda_{41}\xi_1 + \lambda_{42}\xi_2 + \lambda_{43}\xi_3 + \lambda_{44}\xi_4 = \phi_4$$

Note the flow of information.

## Triangular System of Equations Example

This corresponds to the system in matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_{21} & \lambda_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_{31} & \lambda_{32} & \lambda_{33} & 0 \\ \lambda_{41} & \lambda_{42} & \lambda_{43} & \lambda_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Triangular Matrices

**Definition 2.2.** Suppose  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and let  $\lambda_{ij} = e_i^T L e_j$  then

- $L$  is a lower triangular matrix if  $\lambda_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i < j$ .
- $L$  is nonsingular if and only if  $\lambda_{ii} \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- $Lx = f$  is a lower triangular system of equations.

*Note.* This class of matrix has an interesting and extensive algebraic structure that can be exploited to derive an unexpectedly large set of algorithms.

## Algorithms from Equation Structure

Rewriting the equations gives the following identities:

$$\lambda_{11}\xi_1 = \phi_1$$

$$\lambda_{22}\xi_2 = \phi_2 - \lambda_{21}\xi_1$$

$$\lambda_{33}\xi_3 = \phi_3 - \lambda_{31}\xi_1 - \lambda_{32}\xi_2$$

$$\lambda_{44}\xi_4 = \phi_4 - \lambda_{41}\xi_1 - \lambda_{42}\xi_2 - \lambda_{43}\xi_3$$

- Form looks more “algorithmic”.
- Two loop-based sequential algorithms are easily deduced.
- Complexity to solve  $Lx = f$  is  $O(n^2)$  operations.
- The two algorithms differ in that one is oriented towards rows, and the other columns of  $L$ .

## Data Structure Choice

- Choose data structures to store the mathematical objects  $L$ ,  $x$  and  $f$
- a two-dimensional array and two one-dimensional arrays.
- Mapping of mathematical objects to data structures

$$L(I, J) = \lambda_{ij}$$

$$X(I) = \xi_i$$

$$F(I) = \phi_i$$

## Row-oriented Algorithm

*Row-oriented :*

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X(1) = F(1) / L(1,1)
do I = 2, N
    do J = 1, I - 1
        F(I) = F(I) - L(I,J) X(J)
    enddo
    X(I) = F(I) / L(I,I)
enddo
```



## Column-oriented Algorithm

*Column\_oriented :*

do  $J = 1, N - 1$

$X(J) = F(J) / L(J,J)$

do  $I = J + 1, N$

$F(I) = F(I) - L(I,J) X(J)$

end do

end do

$X(N) = F(N) / L(N,N)$

## Matrix Form Column Algorithm

Consider the problem of expressing the actions of the column algorithm in terms of matrix operations.

Let  $n = 4$ , assume  $\lambda_{ii} = 1$ . We identify the computations performed on each iteration of the algorithm and express them as a matrix operation. These can then be combined into a factorization/transformation matrix view of the algorithm.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_{31} & \lambda_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ \lambda_{41} & \lambda_{42} & \lambda_{43} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matrix Form Column Algorithm

for iteration  $j = 1$   $i = 2, \dots, 4$  computes

$$\xi_1 \leftarrow \phi_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_2 \\ \phi'_3 \\ \phi'_4 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{21} \\ \lambda_{31} \\ \lambda_{41} \end{pmatrix} \xi_1$$

Matrix Form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \phi'_2 \\ \phi'_3 \\ \phi'_4 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{31} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{41} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matrix Form Column Algorithm

for iteration  $j = 2$   $i = 3, 4$  computes

$$\xi_2 \leftarrow \phi'_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \phi''_3 \\ \phi''_4 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} \phi'_3 \\ \phi'_4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{32} \\ \lambda_{42} \end{pmatrix} \xi_2$$

Matrix Form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \phi''_3 \\ \phi''_4 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_{42} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \phi'_2 \\ \phi'_3 \\ \phi'_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matrix Form Column Algorithm

for iteration  $j = 3$   $i = 4$  computes

$$\xi_3 \leftarrow \phi_3'' \quad \text{and} \quad (\phi_4''') \leftarrow (\phi_4') - (\lambda_{43}) \xi_3$$

Matrix Form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \phi_4''' \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda_{43} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \phi_3'' \\ \phi_4'' \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matrix Form Column Algorithm

Last statement computes

$$\xi_4 \leftarrow \phi_4'''$$

Matrix Form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \phi_4''' \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matrix Form Column Algorithm

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda_{43} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_{42} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{31} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{41} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Column form algorithm is equivalent to applying  $L^{-1}$  in a factored form
- An implementation **never applies full matrix factors**.
- Exploiting nonzero structure yields implementation.

## Matrix Form Column Algorithm

This is due to the following computation-free factorization of  $L$ :

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda_{31} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \lambda_{41} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{42} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{43} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each factor is easily inverted via negation.

This generalizes to any  $n$  for unit lower triangular and can be adapted to any nonsingular lower triangular.



## Triangular Systems

- many algorithms possible
- sequential standards are row/column versions
- algebraic characterization
- analysis of structure in basic operations yields efficient computation in operations and space
- $O(n^2)$  operations and space

## Gaussian Elimination

**Problem 2.1.** Find the unique  $x$  such that

$$Ax = b$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $x, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $A^{-1}$  exists.

## Elimination

- Elimination is the process of removing variables from equations, i.e., setting their coefficients to 0.
- A system of  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns with the same unique solution  $x$  must be maintained by this process.
- Basic Facts:
  - Any linear combination of the equations given is also a true equation.
  - Linear independence must be maintained to preserve the solution  $x$ .
  - many elimination “strategies” are possible.

### Example

$$5\xi_1 + \xi_2 + 3\xi_3 = 9 \quad (1)$$

$$10\xi_1 + 5\xi_2 + 12\xi_3 = 27 \quad (2)$$

$$5\xi_1 + 10\xi_2 + 23\xi_3 = 38 \quad (3)$$

Combine to generate new equations and replace while keeping independence:

- Equation (2) minus 2 times Equation (1)  $\rightarrow$  Equation (2) .
- Equation (3) minus Equation (1)  $\rightarrow$  Equation (3) .

## Example

$$5\xi_1 + \xi_2 + 3\xi_3 = 9 \quad (4)$$

$$0\xi_1 + 3\xi_2 + 6\xi_3 = 9 \quad (5)$$

$$0\xi_1 + 9\xi_2 + 20\xi_3 = 29 \quad (6)$$

Combine and replace:

- Equation (4) minus  $1/3$  times Equation (5)  $\rightarrow$  Equation (4) .
- Equation (6) minus 3 times Equation (5)  $\rightarrow$  Equation (6) .

### Example

$$5\xi_1 + 0\xi_2 + \xi_3 = 6 \quad (7)$$

$$0\xi_1 + 3\xi_2 + 6\xi_3 = 9 \quad (8)$$

$$0\xi_1 + 0\xi_2 + 2\xi_3 = 2 \quad (9)$$

Combine and replace:

- Equation (7) minus  $1/2$  times Equation (9)  $\rightarrow$  Equation (7) .
- Equation (8) minus 3 times Equation (9)  $\rightarrow$  Equation (8) .

## Example

$$5\xi_1 + 0\xi_2 + 0\xi_3 = 5 \quad (10)$$

$$0\xi_1 + 3\xi_2 + 0\xi_3 = 3 \quad (11)$$

$$0\xi_1 + 0\xi_2 + 2\xi_3 = 2 \quad (12)$$

- Each equation defines one variable.
- $\xi_1 = \xi_2 = \xi_3 = 1$
- Diagonal system of equations.
- This is called Gauss-Jordan elimination.

## Matrix Form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 9 & 20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 10 & 5 & 12 \\ 5 & 10 & 23 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 9 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Matrix Form

Apply matrices to  $b$  also.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 27 \\ 38 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Note we have an expression for the inverse of the original matrix!

## Gaussian Elimination

- We do not have to transform the matrix into a diagonal form.
- We know how to solve triangular systems.
- Repeat the idea with fewer eliminations.

## Matrix Form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 9 & 20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 10 & 5 & 12 \\ 5 & 10 & 23 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 9 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matrix Form

Apply matrices to  $b$  also.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 27 \\ 38 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Gaussian Elimination

- Gaussian elimination transforms the problem to one we know how to solve.
- equation-based interpretation
- transformation-based derivation
- factorization-based interpretation

$$A = LU$$

where  $L$  is a unit lower triangular matrix and  $U$  is an upper triangular matrix.

*Note.* We will assume for now that the factorization exists and the algorithm does not fail.

## Transformation-based Point of View

- $A$  is a nonsingular  $\rightarrow$  its columns are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Problems involving bases that are the columns of lower or upper triangular systems are easy to solve.
- Change the basis of the problem.  $T$  must be nonsingular.

$$Ax = b$$

$$T(Ax) = Tb$$

$$(TA)x = c$$

$$Ux = c$$

- $x$  contains the coordinates of  $b$  relative to the basis given by  $A$
- $x$  contains the coordinates of  $c$  relative to the basis given by  $U$ .

## Examples of Gauss Transforms

$$C_1 v = y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{4}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{5}{3} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_2 v = y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Application of a Gauss Transform to a Matrix

Let  $n = 4$

$$M_1^{-1}A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{31} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\lambda_{41} & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \alpha_{14} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \alpha_{24} \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \alpha_{34} \\ \alpha_{41} & \alpha_{42} & \alpha_{43} & \alpha_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\lambda_j^{(1)} = \alpha_{j1}/\alpha_{11}$  where  $\alpha_{11} \neq 0$  then

$$M_1^{-1}A = A^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \alpha_{14} \\ 0 & \tilde{\alpha}_{22} & \tilde{\alpha}_{23} & \tilde{\alpha}_{24} \\ 0 & \tilde{\alpha}_{32} & \tilde{\alpha}_{33} & \tilde{\alpha}_{34} \\ 0 & \tilde{\alpha}_{42} & \tilde{\alpha}_{43} & \tilde{\alpha}_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$



## Update Structure

After applying the Gauss transform defined by  $Ae_1$  to  $A$ :

- The first row of  $A$  remains the same and becomes the first row of  $U$ .
- Elements in rows 2 to  $n$  in the first column are 0
- All other elements are updated.
- Essentially, this is a rank-1 update of the lower right submatrix of order  $n - 1$ .
- Note the important difference in notation with the text book.

## Preservation of Structure

**Example 2.4.** Let  $n = 4$  then  $M_2^{-1}M_1^{-1}A$  has the structure

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x' & x' \\ 0 & 0 & x' & x' \end{pmatrix}$$

*Note.* Applying  $M_2^{-1}$  to  $M_1^{-1}A$  **does not destroy the 0 elements introduced in the first column.**

## Full Transformation

The process can be repeated to eliminate the nonzeros in subsequent columns without destroying the zeros introduced by all previous transformations.

After  $n - 1$  such steps we have

$$M_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots M_2^{-1} M_1^{-1} A = U = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{11} & \mu_{12} & \cdots & \mu_{1n} \\ 0 & \mu_{22} & \cdots & \mu_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \mu_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$M_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots M_2^{-1} M_1^{-1} b = c$  can be performed at the same time or whenever  $b$  is supplied.

$Ux = c$  is easily solved.

## LU Factorization

We have  $A$  and  $U$  but where is  $L$  ?

- We have

$$U = M_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots M_2^{-1} M_1^{-1} A$$

$$A = M_1 M_2 \cdots M_{n-1} U$$

where  $M_i$  is an elementary lower triangular matrix given by changing the sign of the elements below the diagonal in  $M_i^{-1}$ .

- $M_1 \cdots M_{n-1}$  is a unit lower triangular matrix.
- No further computation needed to determine  $L$  from the  $M_i$

## Elements of $L$

The nonzeros below the diagonal in the  $i$ -th column are given by the nonzero elements of  $l_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ , i.e.,

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \lambda_{2,1} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ \lambda_{n,1} & \cdots & \lambda_{n,n-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Partitioning-based Pseudo-code

The  $i$ -th stage of the algorithm works on an  $n - i \times n - i$  matrix that is updated on the previous step.

Algebraically this can be expressed as:

Let  $A_0 = A$  and let  $r_i, c_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n-i-1}$ ,  $B_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n-i-1 \times n-i-1}$  and

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11}^{(i)} & r_i^T \\ c_i & B_i \end{bmatrix}$$

We then have

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do       $I = 1, n - 1$   
         $v_i = (1/\alpha_{11}^{(i-1)})c_{i-1}$   
         $A_i = B_{i-1} - v_i r_{i-1}^T$   
enddo
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## Computational Comments

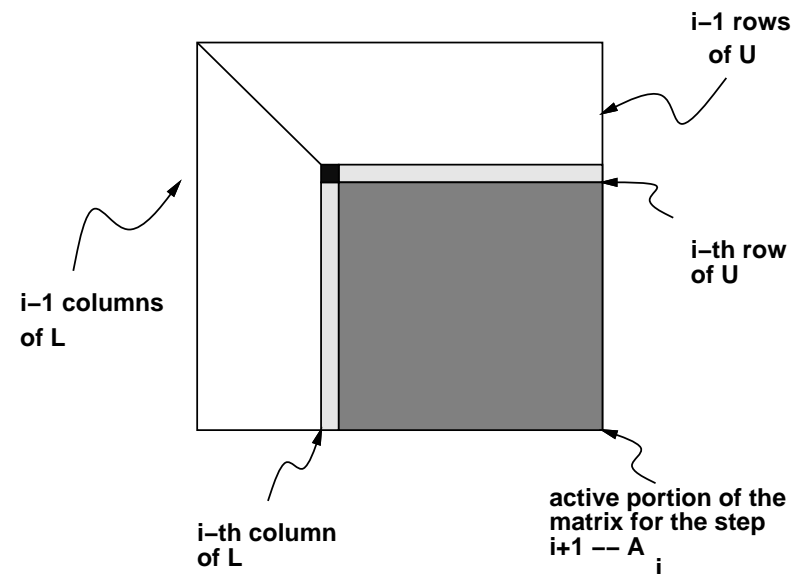
- Algebraically, each step requires  $M_i^{-1} A^{(i-1)}$ , i.e.,  $n \times n$  matrix multiplication
- This form of the algorithm is a series of  $n - 1$  stages with  $A = A_0$  the  $i$ -th stage of which is a BLAS1 primitive and a BLAS2 primitive:
  - Scale the nonzeros below the diagonal of the first column of  $A_{i-1}$  to produce  $l_i$ .
  - Perform a rank-1 update of order  $n - i$  to produce  $A_i$ .
- Note the invariant structure of the product  $M_i^{-1} A^{(i-1)}$  is exploited to reduce the size of the primitives on each step.
- storage complexity remains  $O(n^2)$  since there is one  $\lambda_{ij}$  for each 0 produced in  $A$ .

## Update/production Characterization

- Stage  $i$  produces column  $i$  of  $L$
- Stage  $i$  produces row  $i$  of  $U$
- Stage  $i$  updates the remaining *active* part of  $A$  of dimension  $n - i \times n - i$ .



## Immediate Update Form of LU



$i-1$  columns of  $L$  and  $i-1$  rows of  $U$  are not touched.

$i$ -th column of  $L$  is computed and used along with the  $i$ -th row of  $U$

$A_i$  computed and the active portion of the matrix updated.

## Example In-place Elimination Data Structure

Distinguish between arrays (data structure – array) and matrices (mathematical objects –  $A$ ,  $L$ ,  $U$ )

Initialize :  $\text{array}(I, J) = \alpha_{ij}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 5 & 12 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 & 23 & 5 \\ 15 & 6 & 19 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\text{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 5 & 12 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 & 23 & 5 \\ 15 & 6 & 19 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example In-place Elimination Data Structure

Step 1:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 9 & 20 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 10 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 5 & 12 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 & 23 & 5 \\ 15 & 6 & 19 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 5 & 12 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 & 23 & 5 \\ 15 & 6 & 19 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 & 20 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example In-place Elimination Data Structure

Step 2:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 9 & 20 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 10 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 & 20 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example In-place Elimination Data Structure

Step 3:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{array} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example In-place Elimination Data Structure

$$A = LU$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 10 & 5 & 12 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 & 23 & 5 \\ 15 & 6 & 19 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Complexity

The algorithm and its complexity is:

1. calculate  $L$  and  $U$ ,  $\Omega \approx \frac{2}{3}n^3$
2. solve  $Ly = b$ ,  $\Omega \approx n^2$
3. solve  $Ux = y$ ,  $\Omega \approx n^2$

Storage:

- $A$  and  $b$  input requires  $n^2 + n$  space
- $L$  and  $U$  and  $x$  output requires  $n^2 + O(n)$  space
- $L$  and  $U$  can overwrite  $A$  giving  $n^2 + O(n)$  space

## Failure of LU

*Note.*  $A$  is nonsingular **does not** imply  $A = LU$ .

**Example 2.5.** The first step fails for the following nonsingular matrix.

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



## Pivoting

If, however, the rows are interchanged (or the columns) we can proceed.

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

**Definition 2.3.** The interchanging of rows and/or columns in order to find a nonzero pivot element is called *pivoting*. It is needed to guarantee existence and stability of the factorization.

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- There are many pivoting strategies.
- Some depend on the assumptions made about the matrix.
- The main factor in defining them is the set of candidate pivots.
- On each step of the factorization, the entire set of candidate pivots must be computed and examined.

## Row Permutations

**Definition 2.5.** An elementary permutation matrix  $P$  that interchanges rows  $i$  and  $j$  of the matrix to which it is applied by premultiplication is the identity matrix  $I$  with rows  $i$  and  $j$  interchanged.

**Example 2.6.** To interchange rows 1 and 3 of a matrix  $A$  of order 3 compute  $PA$  where

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} \\ \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Column Permutations

**Definition 2.6.** An elementary permutation matrix  $Q$  that interchanges columns  $i$  and  $j$  of the matrix to which it is applied by postmultiplication is the identity matrix  $I$  with columns  $i$  and  $j$  interchanged.

**Example 2.7.** To interchange columns 1 and 3 of a matrix  $A$  of order 3 compute  $AQ$  where

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{13} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{11} \\ \alpha_{23} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{21} \\ \alpha_{33} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{31} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Elementary Permutations

- $P = P^{-1}$  and  $Q = Q^{-1}$  follow immediately from the definition of elementary permutations.
- In general,  $P$  or  $Q$  can be specified by two integers, however, in the LU factorization one of the integers is always  $i$  if the elementary permutation is applied on the  $i$ -th step of the algorithm.
- $Px$  and  $Qx$  simply interchange two components of the vector, the implied  $i$ -th position and the store index  $k_i$ .

## Partial Pivoting

**Definition 2.7.** Partial pivoting: Rather than searching the entire active matrix search only its first column for the element of maximum magnitude. Permute the chosen element to the  $(i, i)$  diagonal element position via a row interchange. (A similar strategy can be defined by searching the first column of the active matrix.)

- less stable than complete pivoting and may be unstable but, in practice, satisfactory stability is achieved.
- only requires the production of the first column (row) of the active matrix so delayed updates can be used.
- only requires row (column) interchanges.

## Partial Pivoting Algebraic Form

$$U = (M_{n-1}^{-1}(P_{n-1} \cdots (M_1^{-1}(P_1 A)) \cdots))$$

$$U = (M_{n-1}^{-1} P_{n-1} \cdots M_1^{-1} P_1) A$$

$$U = T A$$

$$T = M_{n-1}^{-1} P_{n-1} \cdots M_1^{-1} P_1$$

To solve  $Ax = b$  given  $T$  and  $U$  we have

$$Ax = b$$

$$T Ax = T b$$

$$U x = \tilde{b}$$

## LU Factorization?

$T$  is not lower triangular so where is the  $L$ ?

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $A^{-1}$  exists then there exists a product of elementary row permutation matrices  $P = P_{n-1} \dots P_1$ , a unit lower triangular matrix  $L$ , and an upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that*

$$PA = LU.$$

In other words, partial pivoting is equivalent to computing the  $LU$  factorization of a row permuted version of the matrix  $A$ .



## LU Factorization with Partial Pivoting

To solve  $Ax = b$  given  $P$ ,  $L$  and  $U$  we have

$$Ax = b$$

$$PAx = Pb$$

$$LUx = \tilde{b}$$

$$Ly = \tilde{b}$$

This yields the algorithm:

- Compute  $\tilde{b} = Pb$
- Solve  $Ly = \tilde{b}$  via forward substitution (lower triangular solve)
- Solve  $Ux = y$  via backward substitution (upper triangular solve)

## How do we get $L$ and $U$ in practice?

**Lemma 2.3.**

$$L = \tilde{M}_1 \tilde{M}_2 \dots \tilde{M}_{n-1}$$
$$\tilde{M}_i^{-1} = P_{n-1} \dots P_{i+1} M_i^{-1} P_{i+1}^{-1} \dots P_{n-1}^{-1}$$

*and  $M_i^{-1}$  is the Gauss transform from the  $i$ -th step of the factorization.*

## Constructive Proof

It is simple, given the definition of  $\tilde{M}_i$  and  $P$ , to verify  $PA = LU$ .

It is also possible to give a constructive proof for the form of  $\tilde{M}_i$ .

The construction creates  $P$ , then  $\tilde{M}_1^{-1}, \tilde{M}_2^{-1}, \dots, \tilde{M}_{n-1}^{-1}$ , by injecting  $I$ , in terms of the  $P_i$ ,  $n - 2$  times and using associativity.

It can be seen from an example with  $n = 5$ . Recall,

- $P_i = P_i^{-1}$ .
- $P_j \dots P_{i+1} \tilde{M}_i^{-1} P_{i+1} \dots P_j$  has elementary lower triangular structure for any  $j > i$ .

## Constructive Proof

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} P_3 M_2^{-1} P_2 M_1^{-1} P_1 A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} P_3 M_2^{-1} P_2 M_1^{-1} (P_2 P_3 P_4 P_4 P_3 P_2) P_1 A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} P_3 M_2^{-1} P_2 M_1^{-1} P_2 P_3 P_4 (P_4 P_3 P_2 P_1) A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} P_3 M_2^{-1} P_2 M_1^{-1} P_2 P_3 P_4 P A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} P_3 M_2^{-1} (P_3 P_4 P_4 P_3) P_2 M_1^{-1} P_2 P_3 P_4 P A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} P_3 M_2^{-1} P_3 P_4 (P_4 P_3 P_2 M_1^{-1} P_2 P_3 P_4) P A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} P_3 M_2^{-1} P_3 P_4 \tilde{M}_1^{-1} P A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} P_4 M_3^{-1} (P_4 P_4) P_3 M_2^{-1} P_3 P_4 \tilde{M}_1^{-1} P A = U$$

$$M_4^{-1} (P_4 M_3^{-1} P_4) (P_4 P_3 M_2^{-1} P_3 P_4) \tilde{M}_1^{-1} P A = U$$

$$\tilde{M}_4^{-1} \tilde{M}_3^{-1} \tilde{M}_2^{-1} \tilde{M}_1^{-1} P A = U$$

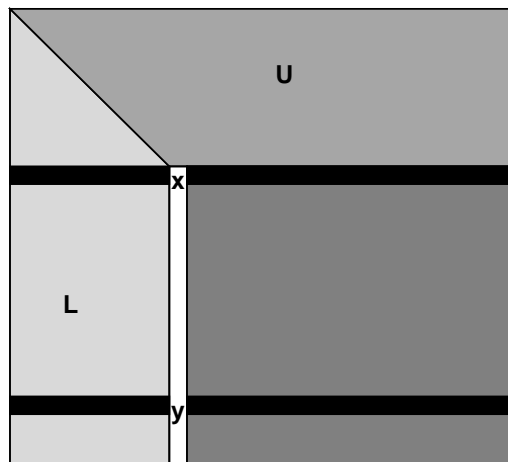
## Algorithmic Consequence

$$\tilde{M}_i^{-1} = P_{n-1} \dots P_{i+1} M_i^{-1} P_{i+1}^{-1} \dots P_{n-1}^{-1}$$

- It follows that for BLAS2-based algorithms we must apply the permutation to all previous  $M_i^{-1}$  and the rows of the active matrix.
- This can be implemented as interchanging the *entire* row  $i$  with the *entire* row  $j$ .

# Partial Pivoting

Partial pivoting in a BLAS2-based LU



Interchange the all elements in the old and new pivot rows.

The elements interchanged in the L portion updates the  $M_i$

The interchange in the active portion updates A.

At the end of the factorization, the LU stored in the array will be that of PA.

## Example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 17 & 10 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 6 & 18 & -12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_1^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_1^{-1} P_1 A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Example

$$M_1^{-1}P_1A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_2^{-1}P_2M_1^{-1}P_1A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = U$$



### Example

$$P = P_2 P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{M}_1 = P_2 M_1 P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{M}_2 = M_2$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Example

$$LU = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/3 & -1/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 3 & 17 & 10 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = PA$$

## Example Data In-place Pivoting

$$array = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 17 & 10 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 6 & 18 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{permute matrix}} array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 17 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 17 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{multipliers}} array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/3 & 4 & -2 \\ 1/2 & 17 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/3 & 4 & -2 \\ 1/2 & 17 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{eliminate}} array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1/2 & 8 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example Data In-place Pivoting

$$array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1/2 & 8 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{permute } M_1]{\text{permute matrix}} array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/2 & 8 & 16 \\ 1/3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/2 & 8 & 16 \\ 1/3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{multipliers}} array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/2 & 8 & 16 \\ 1/3 & -1/4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

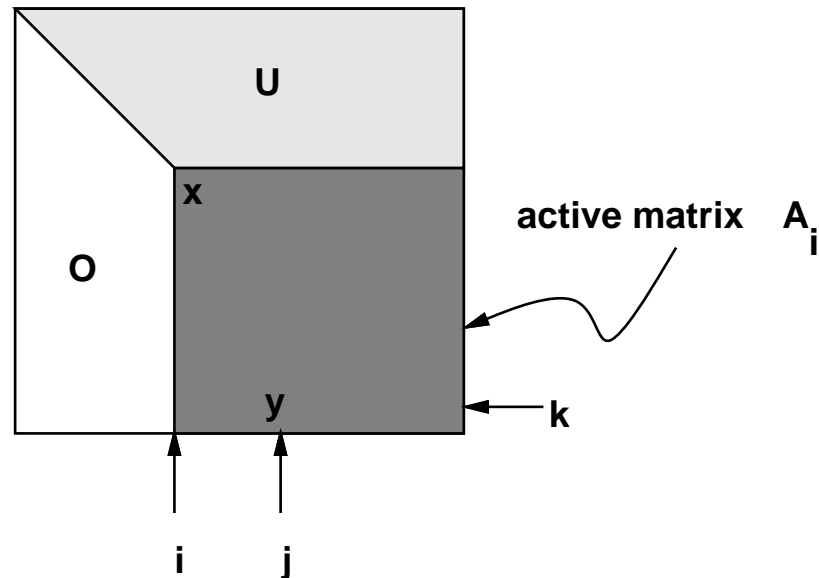
$$array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/2 & 8 & 16 \\ 1/3 & -1/4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{eliminate}} array = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 18 & -12 \\ 1/2 & 8 & 16 \\ 1/3 & -1/4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Complete Pivoting

**Definition 2.8.** Complete pivoting: Before eliminating the subdiagonal elements in the  $i$ -th column of the transformed matrix (the first column of the current active matrix), find the element with the largest magnitude and permute it via row and column interchanges to the  $(i, i)$  diagonal element position.

- Unconditionally stable
- The set of candidate pivot elements is the entire active matrix, therefore, the immediate update forms **must** be used.
- This typically has been viewed as too expensive since it was usually implemented as an extra pass through the matrix. This can be mitigated if the rank-1 primitive is extended.

## Complete Pivoting



**y** is element of largest magnitude  
and is in position (k,j).

interchange columns i and j  
and rows i and k to interchange  
old pivot element x with preferred  
pivot y.

## General Pivoting Algebraic Form

Given any choice of pivot element, we have

$$U = (M_{n-1}^{-1} (P_{n-1} (\cdots (M_1^{-1} (P_1 A Q_1)) \cdots)) Q_{n-1}))$$

$$U = (M_{n-1}^{-1} P_{n-1} \cdots M_1^{-1} P_1) A (Q_1 \cdots Q_{n-1})$$

$$U = T A Q$$

$$T = M_{n-1}^{-1} P_{n-1} \cdots M_1^{-1} P_1$$

$$Q = Q_1 \cdots Q_{n-1}$$

## Transformation-based Solution

To solve  $Ax = b$  given  $T$ ,  $Q$ , and  $U$  we have

$$Ax = b$$

$$TAx = Tb$$

$$TA(QQ^{-1})x = Tb$$

$$(TAQ)(Q^{-1}x) = (Tb)$$

$$U\tilde{x} = \tilde{b}$$

$$x = Q\tilde{x}$$



## Complete Pivoting Factorization

**Lemma 2.4.** *If  $A^{-1}$  exists then there exists a product of elementary row permutation matrices  $P = P_{n-1} \dots P_1$ , a product of elementary column permutation matrices  $Q = Q_1 \dots Q_{n-1}$ , a unit lower triangular matrix  $L$ , and an upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that*

$$PAQ = LU.$$

$L$  is defined in the same way as was done for partial pivoting.