Vector and Matrix Theories Chapter 4: Factorization into A = LU

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Section 1:

Properties of Inverse Matrix

Inverting a Product of Matrices

• The matrix A is *invertible* if there exists a matrix A^{-1} that "inverts" A so that :

$$A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$$

where I is the identity matrix :

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Suppose we have 2 square matrices A and B which are invertible and both have the same size.
- **Question :** What is the relation between $(AB)^{-1}$ with both $(A)^{-1}$ and $(B)^{-1}$?



Inverting a Product of Matrices

From the definition of inverse matrices, we know that :

$$(AB)^{-1}AB = I$$

• Multiplying both sides with B^{-1} we get :

$$(AB)^{-1}A(BB^{-1}) = IB^{-1} \rightarrow (AB)^{-1}A = B^{-1}$$

ullet Finally, multiplying both sides with A^{-1} we get :

$$(AB)^{-1}(AA^{-1}) = B^{-1}A^{-1} \rightarrow (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

- Question: What about the inverting the product of 3 matrices A, B and C?
- For this case, it can be proved that the result is given by :

$$(ABC)^{-1} = C^{-1}B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

 Note that the inverse matrices multiplication is performed in reverse order.

 Now, let us take a look at a set of equations with 3 unknowns as follow:

 The augmented matrix for the aforementioned set of linear equations is given by :

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}
1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\
2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\
3 & 10 & 1 & -2
\end{array}\right]$$

• First Step: Make the element (2,1) to zero. It is performed by $(Row \ 2)=(Row \ 2)-2\times(Row \ 1)$:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 10 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



 Question: What should be the matrix multiplier to transform the resulting augmented matrix back to the original one?

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ?\end{bmatrix}}_{E_{2}^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 10 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The original transformation is that :

$$(Row \ 2)_{new} = (Row \ 2)_{old} - 2 \times (Row \ 1)_{old}$$

• As $(Row \ 1)_{new} = (Row \ 1)_{old}$, therefore we can conclude that :

$$(Row 2)_{old} = (Row 2)_{new} + 2 \times (Row 1)_{new}$$

• The resulting matrix multiplier is given by :

$$E_{21}^{-1} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 2 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



• **Second Step**: Make the 1st column of row 3 is equal to zero. The operation is:

$$(Row 3)_{new} = (Row 3)_{old} - 3 \times (Row 1)_{old}$$

• Therefore:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{31}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 10 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using similar logic, it can be proved that :

$$E_{31}^{-1} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



• **Third Step**: Make the 2nd column of row 3 is equal to zero. The operation is:

$$(Row 3)_{new} = (Row 3)_{old} - 4 \times (Row 2)_{old}$$

• Therefore :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{32}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using similar logic, it can be proved that :

$$E_{32}^{-1} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



• For this particular case, the overall elimination matrix is given by :

$$E = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{32}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{31}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{21}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Therefore, it can be shown that :

$$E^{-1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{21}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{31}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{32}^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Inverse of Elimination Matrices (Conclusion)

Suppose that the overall elimination matrix is given by :

$$E = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathcal{L}_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{32}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\mathcal{L}_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{31}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\mathcal{L}_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{21}}$$

It can be shown that :

$$E^{-1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \mathcal{L}_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{21}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \mathcal{L}_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{31}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{L}_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{32}^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \mathcal{L}_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ \mathcal{L}_{31} & \mathcal{L}_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The multiplier (\mathcal{L}) of each elimination matrices can be clearly identified from the E^{-1} matrix.



Section 2:

Factorization A = LU

Factorization A = LU

• We have learnt that a square matrix A can be transformed into an upper triangular matrix U using an elimination matrix E, so that :

$$EA = U \rightarrow A = E^{-1}U$$

Using the example shown in the previous section, we can see that :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{U}$$

• It can be shown that the E^{-1} is a <u>Lower Triangular Matrix</u>, which is usually denoted by matrix L. Therefore, the A matrix can be re-written as:

$$A = LU$$
 (LU Factorization)



A system of linear equations is usually written as :

$$Ax = b$$

 Making use of the LU Factorization, the equation can be re-written as :

$$LUx = b$$

Suppose that we define :

$$Ux = c$$

Therefore, the LUx = B equation can be written as :

$$Lc = b$$

- This result indicates that we can use the *LU* factorization to solve a system of linear equations in 2 steps :
 - **1** Solve Lc = b equation to compute c.
 - Solve Ux = c equation to compute x.



 As an example, let us take a look at the following set of linear equations:

$$1x_1 + 2x_2 + 1x_3 = 2$$

 $2x_1 + 5x_2 + 1x_3 = 1$
 $3x_1 + 10x_2 + 1x_3 = -2$

For this case, we have determined that :

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{U} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

• The first step is by solving the Lc = b equation :



• Therefore, we get the solution for c as follow:

$$c_1 = 2$$
 $c_2 = -3$ $c_3 = 4$

• Finally, we solve the Ux = c equation :

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 2
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1 \\
x_2 \\
x_3
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
2 \\
-3 \\
4
\end{bmatrix}
\rightarrow
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1 \\
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\end{bmatrix}
\rightarrow
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1 \\
x_2$$

• Therefore, we get the solution for x as follow:

$$x_1 = 2$$
 $x_2 = -1$ $x_3 = 2$



 Suppose that there is a change in the right hand side of the following set of linear equations:

$$1x_1 + 2x_2 + 1x_3 = 6$$

 $2x_1 + 5x_2 + 1x_3 = 13$
 $3x_1 + 10x_2 + 1x_3 = 24$

- Question: What do you need to do when solving this set of linear equation using Gauss Elimination method?
- In that case, you need to perform the Gauss Elimination process once again from the beginning.
- This can be avoided when the LU Factorization method is adopted.
 Once the LU factorization is obtained, we can easily compute the solution x for any b vector.



• Solving the Lc = b equation :

Therefore, we get the solution for c as follow:

$$c_1 = 6$$
 $c_2 = 1$ $c_3 = 2$

• Finally, we solve the Ux = c equation :

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 2
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1 \\
x_2 \\
x_3
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
6 \\
1 \\
2
\end{bmatrix}
\rightarrow
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 6 \\
1 \\
2
\end{bmatrix}
\rightarrow
\begin{bmatrix}
x_2 - x_3 = 1 \\
2x_3 = 2
\end{bmatrix}$$

• Therefore, we get the solution for x as follow:

$$x_1 = 1$$
 $x_2 = 2$ $x_3 = 1$



Computing the Determinant of a Matrix

 Another advantage of performing LU factorization is we can easily compute the determinant of matrix A:

$$det(A) = det(LU) = det(L)det(U)$$

ullet The determinant of a lower triangular matrix L is given by :

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ I_{21} & I_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ I_{n1} & I_{n2} & \cdots & I_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow det(L) = I_{11}I_{22} \cdots I_{nn}$$

ullet Similarly, the determinant of a upper triangular matrix U is given by :

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow det(U) = u_{11}u_{22}\cdots u_{nn}$$

Computing the Determinant of a Matrix

Using the example shown in the previous section, we can see that :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{U}$$

• The determinant of A is given by :

$$det(A) = det(L)det(U) = (1)(2) \rightarrow det(A) = 2$$

• Using the determinant formula for 3×3 matrix :

$$det(A) = a_{11}(a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}) - a_{12}(a_{21}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{31}) + a_{13}(a_{21}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{31})$$

We get the same result as follow:

$$det(A) = 2$$



Section 3:

Factorization PA = LU

Another Example of LU Factorization

Let us take a look at the following set of linear equations :

• For this case, the A matrix is given by :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The first elimination process is :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{21}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Another Example of LU Factorization

The second process is row exchange as follows:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_{32}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_{32}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Therefore, the A matrix can be written as :

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{E_{21}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_{32}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{U} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{E^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{U}$$

- We can see in this problem, E^{-1} is <u>not</u> a lower triangular matrix. Therefore, the A = LU factorization is not possible.
- Question: How do we fix this problem?



Factorization into PA = LU

• We can multiply both size with a matrix P so that the E^{-1} matrix is transformed into a lower triangular matrix L as follow :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{P} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{P} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{E^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{U}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{PA} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{I = PE^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{U}$$

- This is what is called as factorization into PA = LU.
- Matrix P here is called as a **Permutation Matrix**, whose function is to represent row exchanges operation.



- Because of the addition of P, the way to solve a system of linear equations is a bit different:
 - Solve $\underline{Lc = Pb}$ equation to compute c.
 - 2 Solve Ux = c equation to compute x.
- Solving the $\underline{Lc = Pb}$ equation :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{L} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{P} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{P} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 13 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}}_{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

The resulting system of linear equations is given by :

$$c_1 = 6$$
 $c_2 = 7$
 $2c_1 + c_3 = 13$

• Therefore, we get the solution for c as follow:

$$c_1 = 6$$
 $c_2 = 7$ $c_3 = 1$



• Finally, we solve the Ux = c equation :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{x_2} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 6 \\ 3x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 7 \\ & & & x_3 & = & 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get the solution for x as follow:

$$x_1 = 1$$
 $x_2 = 2$ $x_3 = 1$

Reading Assignment

- Please read the textbook "Introduction to Linear Algebra" Section 2.7.
- Topics :
 - Transpose of a Matrix
 - Meaning of Inner Product
 - Symmetric Matrices
 - Permutation Matrices