



Handout #3

Consider the simple truss system given in Figure 1. Find the internal forces F_{AB}, F_{AC}, F_{BC} and reactions R_1, R_2 , and R_3 respectively at B and C by Gauss elimination and LU decomposition methods for the following load cases:

- $P_1 = 30 \text{ kN}, P_2 = 0$
- $P_1 = 0, P_2 = 40 \text{ kN}$

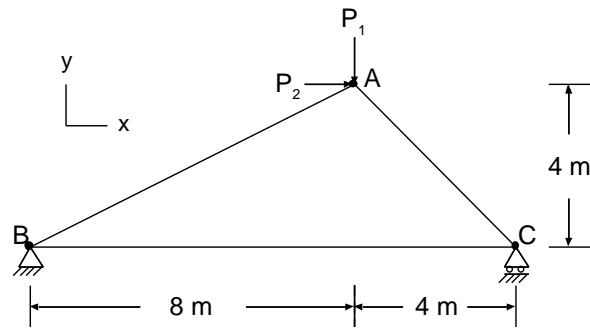
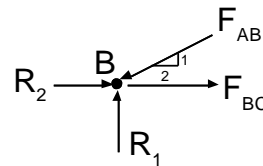
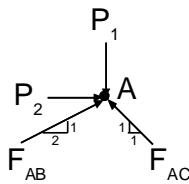


Figure 1 Simple truss system

Hint: It can be shown that the equilibrium equations for this truss constitute a 6 by 6 linear system:

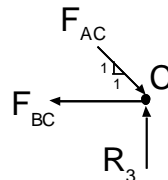


$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} F_{AB} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{AC} + P_2 = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow F_{BC} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} F_{AB} + R_2 = 0 \dots (3)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} F_{AB} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{AC} - P_1 = 0 \dots (2)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} F_{AB} + R_1 = 0 \dots (4)$$



$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow -F_{BC} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{AC} = 0 \dots (5)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{AC} + R_3 = 0 \dots (6)$$

Letting $x_1 = F_{AB}$, $x_2 = F_{AC}$, $x_3 = F_{BC}$, $x_4 = R_1$, $x_5 = R_2$ and $x_6 = R_3$, the equilibrium equations at nodes A, B and C can be written in the following matrix form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.447214 & 0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.894427 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.447214 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.707107 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -P_2 \\ P_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}}$$

**GAUSS ELIMINATION****PART A:**

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.447214 & 0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 30 \\ -0.894427 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.447214 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.707107 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \\ \text{row2}^{(2)} = \text{row2}^{(1)} - 0.5 \times \text{row1}^{(1)} \\ \text{row3}^{(2)} = \text{row3}^{(1)} - (-1) \times \text{row1}^{(1)} \\ \text{row4}^{(2)} = \text{row4}^{(1)} - (-0.5) \times \text{row1}^{(1)} \\ \text{row5}^{(2)} = \text{row5}^{(1)} - 0 \times \text{row1}^{(1)} \\ \text{row6}^{(2)} = \text{row6}^{(1)} - 0 \times \text{row1}^{(1)} \end{array}$$

$$(2) \begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.060660 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 30 \\ 0 & -0.707107 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.353553 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.707107 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \\ \text{row3}^{(3)} = \text{row3}^{(2)} - (-0.666667) \times \text{row2}^{(2)} \\ \text{row4}^{(3)} = \text{row4}^{(2)} - (-0.333333) \times \text{row2}^{(2)} \\ \text{row5}^{(3)} = \text{row5}^{(2)} - 0.666667 \times \text{row2}^{(2)} \\ \text{row6}^{(3)} = \text{row6}^{(2)} - (-0.666667) \times \text{row2}^{(2)} \end{array}$$

$$(3) \begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.060660 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -20 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \text{row4}^{(4)} = \text{row4}^{(3)} - 0 \times \text{row3}^{(3)} \\ \text{row5}^{(4)} = \text{row5}^{(3)} - (-1) \times \text{row3}^{(3)} \\ \text{row6}^{(4)} = \text{row6}^{(3)} - 0 \times \text{row3}^{(3)} \end{array}$$

$$(4) \begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.060660 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now that the coefficient matrix A has been reduced to an upper triangular form, the system can be solved by backward substitution.

$$x_6 = 20$$

$$x_5 = 0$$

$$x_4 = 10$$

$$x_3 + x_5 = 20 \Rightarrow x_3 = 20$$

$$1.060660x_2 = 30 \Rightarrow x_2 = 28.28$$

$$0.894427x_1 - 0.707107x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = 22.36$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} F_{AB} \\ F_{AC} \\ F_{BC} \\ R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 22.36 \\ 28.28 \\ 20 \\ 10 \\ 0 \\ 20 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**PART B:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -40 \\ 0 & 1.060660 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -26.666667 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -13.333333 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -40 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 13.333333 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} F_{AB} \\ F_{AC} \\ F_{BC} \\ R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -29.81 \\ 18.86 \\ 13.33 \\ -13.33 \\ -40 \\ 13.33 \end{Bmatrix}$$

LU DECOMPOSITION

Let us first decompose the coefficient matrix A into a lower and upper triangular matrix:

$$A = LU$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.447214 & 0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.894427 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.447214 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.707107 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{51} & l_{52} & l_{53} & l_{54} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{61} & l_{62} & l_{63} & l_{64} & l_{65} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} & u_{14} & u_{15} & u_{16} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} & u_{24} & u_{25} & u_{26} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} & u_{34} & u_{35} & u_{36} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{44} & u_{45} & u_{46} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{55} & u_{56} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_{66} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 \times u_{11} = 0.894427 \Rightarrow u_{11} = 0.894427$$

$$1 \times u_{12} + 0 \times u_{22} = -0.707107 \Rightarrow u_{12} = -0.707107$$

$$1 \times u_{13} + 0 \times u_{23} + 0 \times u_{33} = 0 \Rightarrow u_{13} = 0$$

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$$l_{21} \times u_{11} + 1 \times 0 = 0.447214 \Rightarrow l_{21} = 0.5$$

$$l_{21} \times u_{12} + 1 \times u_{22} = 0.707107 \Rightarrow u_{22} = 1.060660$$

$$l_{21} \times u_{13} + 1 \times u_{23} = 0 \Rightarrow u_{23} = 0$$

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If the computations are carried out in a similar fashion, the following L and U matrices are obtained:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -0.666667 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & -0.333333 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.666667 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.666667 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.060660 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, the LU decomposition can be used to solve the given system of linear equations as follows:



$$Ax = b \Rightarrow LUx = b \Rightarrow Ux = y, Ly = b$$

PART A:

Solve the linear system $Ly = b$ ($b = \{0 \ 30 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0\}^T$) by forward substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -0.666667 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & -0.333333 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.666667 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.666667 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 30 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 30 \\ 20 \\ 10 \\ 0 \\ 20 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Now, solve the linear system $Ux = y$ by backward substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.894427 & -0.707107 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.060660 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 30 \\ 20 \\ 10 \\ 0 \\ 20 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} F_{AB} \\ F_{AC} \\ F_{BC} \\ R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 22.36 \\ 28.28 \\ 20 \\ 10 \\ 0 \\ 20 \end{Bmatrix}$$

PART B:

Solve the linear system $Ly = b$ ($b = \{-40 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0\}^T$) by forward substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -0.666667 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & -0.333333 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.666667 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.666667 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -40 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} -40 \\ 20 \\ -26.666667 \\ -13.333333 \\ -40 \\ 13.333333 \end{Bmatrix}$$

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