

# Math 307 Review Notes

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## Midterm 1

### LU Decomposition

The gaussian elimination on a matrix  $A$  can be expressed using LU Decomposition. LU Decomposition follows the form:

$$A = LU$$

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

#### Unit Lower Triangular Matrices

A unit lower triangular matrix has the following attributes:

- The matrix is square ( $n \times n$ ).
- The diagonal entries of the matrix are ones and only zeroes are above the ones.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & x & 1 & 0 \\ x & x & x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Upper Triangular Matrices

An upper triangular matrix has the following attribute:

- The matrix has only zeroes below the main diagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \end{bmatrix}$$

It is also important to note that  $L = E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}E_3^{-1}$ .

To find the LU decomposition:

1. Perform Gaussian elimination to obtain the row echelon form of the matrix, by using matrix multiplication, noting each  $E$  along the way. The matrix in REF is the  $U$  part of the LU decomposition.
2. Compute the inverse of all of the  $E$  matrices.
3. Multiply the inverse matrices in reverse order together to obtain  $L$ .

### Elementary Row Operations as Matrix Multiplications

The elementary row operations can be expressed as matrix multiplications. They are as follows:

Interchange rows  $i$  and  $j$ .

Modify the identity matrix such that:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1_j & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply a row  $i$  by a scalar  $k$ .

Modify the identity matrix such that:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Add  $c$  times row  $j$  to  $i$ .

Modify the identity matrix such that:

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c_{i,j} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: it is required that  $i > j$ .

It is also important to note that the  $E^{-1}$  can be achieved by

modifying the identity matrix such that:

$$a_{j,i} = -c.$$

Hence, Gaussian elimination can be expressed as  $E_3 E_2 E_1 A$ .

It is important to note that the order of the inverse is paramount. The inverse of  $E_3 E_2 E_1$  is  $E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1}$ , not  $E_3^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_1^{-1}$ . In short, inverses are to be applied in the opposite order that the original matrices were applied.

Generally, only the  $E$  transformation is used, because the rest of the transformations do not result in a lower triangular matrix.

Theorem: If a matrix  $A$  can be converted to row echelon form using only  $E$  row operations, then  $A$  has an LU decomposition.

Sometimes, the LU decomposition is not attainable, thus, other transformations are permitted, but the LU decomposition will take on the form of  $A = PLU$  where  $P$  is a permutation matrix.

#### Important Properties of the LU Decomposition:

- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(U)$
- If  $A$  is a square matrix, then:  $\det(A) = \det(U)$  If  $A$  is a square matrix of full rank:
- $\det(A) \neq 0$ .
- $A$  is invertible.
- $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique solution.

Rank of a Matrix: As a review, the rank of a matrix is:

- The dimension of the span of the matrix.
- The number of non-zero leading/pivot entries in a matrix which is in row echelon form.

Row Echelon Form: As a review, a matrix is considered to be in row echelon form when

- All rows consisting of only zeroes are at the bottom.
- The pivot entry of any nonzero row is always strictly to the right of the leading coefficient of the row above it.

Inverting a Matrix: To invert a matrix  $A$ , create a matrix  $[A \mid I]$  and use row operations to transform the matrix to a form of  $[I \mid A^{-1}]$ .

#### Error Analysis and Matrix Norms

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Matrix Norm: The matrix norm or operator norm is defined by:

$$\|A\| = \max_{\vec{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|A\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \quad \text{where } \|\vec{x}\| \text{ is the } e^2 \text{ norm.}$$

The matrix norm describes the maximum stretch of a unit vector. Inverse Matrix Norm: If a matrix  $A$  is a square, non-singular matrix, then

$$\|A^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\min_{\|\vec{x}\|=1} \|A\vec{x}\|}.$$

Significance of the Matrix Norm: If a matrix or a vector is obtained empirically, there may be errors in it. Thus, the matrix norm allows us to predict how large the effect of those errors may be.

Condition Number: The condition number of a matrix  $A$  is defined as:

$$\text{cond}(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$$

Error Bounding: Given a system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , assuming that  $A(\vec{x} + \Delta\vec{x}) = \vec{b} + \Delta\vec{b}$ , then:

$$\frac{\|\Delta\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x}\|} \leq \text{cond}(A) \cdot \frac{\|\Delta\vec{b}\|}{\|\vec{b}\|}.$$

The equation above describes the error in  $\vec{x}$  as a result of errors in  $\vec{b}$ .

One can also produce an expression for the effects of errors in  $A$ :

$$\frac{\|\Delta\vec{x}\|}{\|\vec{x} + \Delta\vec{x}\|} \leq \text{cond}(A) \cdot \frac{\|\Delta A\|}{\|A\|}$$

A common type of problem is to extract the condition number from the manipulation of an image.

Norm For Diagonal Matrices: The norm of a diagonal matrix  $D$  can be obtained with the following formula:

$$D = \max \{|d_k|\}$$

where  $d_k$  are the set of diagonal entries in the matrix.

Relations of the Condition Number: It is important to note that:

$$\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\| \quad \text{thus} \quad \text{cond}(AB) \leq \text{cond}(A) \cdot \text{cond}(B)$$

## Polynomial Interpolation

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A polynomial of the form:

$$P_\alpha = \{c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2 + \dots + c_\alpha t^\alpha : c_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Can be used to interpolate  $\alpha$  number of points, so long as  $t_i \neq t_j$ , and  $y_i \neq t_i$ .

Given a system with multiple points we can solve a system of equations to obtain the unknown coefficients,  $c_n$ .

Such a system of equations takes the form of  $A\vec{c} = \vec{y}$ , where  $A$  is known as the Vandermonde Matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 & \dots & t_0^\alpha \\ 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \dots & t_1^\alpha \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 & \dots & t_2^\alpha \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_\alpha & t_\alpha^2 & \dots & t_\alpha^\alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_\alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of a Vandermonde Matrix: The determinant of a Vandermonde matrix can be obtained by the following formula:

$$\det(A) = \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq \alpha} (t_j - t_i)$$

It is important to note that in a Vandermonde matrix, the entries  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n$  represent time points and the  $y$  vector represents their corresponding values.

It is also important to note that the condition number of a Vandermonde matrix gets *very* large when the number of points increases.

## Cubic Spline Interpolation

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Another method for interpolation is the cubic spline method. Unlike the continuous nature of the Polynomial Interpolation, the cubic spline method is piecewise.

By definition, a cubic spline interpolation has the following features/properties.

- There are  $N$  cubic polynomials of the form:  
 $p_k(t) = a_k(t - t_{k-1})^3 + b_k(t - t_{k-1})^2 + c_k(t - t_{k-1}) + d_k$
- $p(t)$ ,  $p'(t)$ , and  $p''(t)$  are continuous
- $p(t_i) = y_i$  for all  $i = 0, \dots, N$

To find a cubic spline interpolation, one must use the coefficient matrix of a cubic spline, which has the following form:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_N \\ b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_N \\ c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_N \\ d_1 & d_2 & \cdots & d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, it can be concluded from this that every cubic spline interpolation coefficient matrix will have  $4N$  terms, where  $N$  is the number of data points.

Equations Defining the Cubic Spline: There exist several methods to obtain the equations to solve for a cubic spline. They are as follows:

#### 1. Interpolation

##### (a) Left Endpoints

Basis:  $p_k(t_{k-1}) = y_{k-1}$

Result:  $d_k = y_{k-1}$

Number of Equations:  $N$

##### (b) Right Endpoints

Basis:  $p_k(t_k) = y_k$

Result:  $a_k(t_k - t_{k-1})^3 + b_k(t_k - t_{k-1})^2 + c_k(t_k - t_{k-1}) + d_k = y_k$

Number of Equations:  $N$

#### 2. Continuity of the Derivative

Basis:  $p'_k(t_k) = p'_{k+1}(t_k)$

Result:  $3a_k(t_k - t_{k-1})^2 + 2b_k(t_k - t_{k-1}) + c_k = c_{k+1}$

Number of Equations:  $N - 1$

#### 3. Continuity of the Second Derivative

Basis:  $p''_k(t_k) = p''_{k+1}(t_k)$

Result:  $6a_k(t_k - t_{k-1}) + 2b_k = 2b_{k+1}$

Number of Equations:  $N - 1$

#### 4. Secondary Methods

(a) Neutral Cubic Spline Conditions Equations:  $p''(t_0) = 0$  and  $p''_N(t_N) = 0$

Obtaining the Coefficients for a Cubic Spline: First, it is known that  $d_n = y_{n-1}$ . Thus, the system that needs to be solved is as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(L_1) & B & 0 \cdots 0 & & \\ 0 & A(L_2) & B \cdots 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T & 0 & 0 & V & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \\ a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_N \\ b_N \\ c_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - y_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ y_2 - y_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ y_N - y_{N-1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $L_k = t_k - t_{k-1}$  and:

$$A(L) = \begin{bmatrix} L^3 & L^2 & L \\ 3L^2 & 2L & 1 \\ 6L & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} L_N^3 & L_N^2 & L_N \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6L_N & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Subspaces

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Definition: A subset  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  under the following conditions:

1.  $U$  contains the zero vector  $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}$ .
2. Closed under addition:  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2 \in U \Rightarrow \vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2 \in U$ .
3. Closed under scalar multiplication:  $\vec{u} \in U, c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow c\vec{u} \in U$ .

For example, the smallest subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is  $\{\vec{0}\}$ , and the largest subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is simply  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . A common subspace however is any line passing through the origin.

Subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  include lines through the origin and planes containing the origin.

## Span

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Definition: The span of a set of vectors is the set of all of the possible linear combinations of them.

Determining Span Membership: To determine whether a vector,  $\vec{v}$  is within the span of a set of vectors,  $\{\vec{u}_n\}$ , one can write  $[\vec{u}_1 \quad \vec{u}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \vec{u}_n \mid \vec{v}]$  and solve the matrix.

## Linear Independence

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The vectors  $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m \in \mathbb{R}$  are said to be linearly independent if  $c_1\vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_m\vec{u}_m = \vec{0}$  if and only if the solution is trivial.

A more algorithmic approach to finding linear independence is to solve the matrix  $[\vec{u}_1 \cdots \vec{u}_n \mid \vec{0}]$

## Basis and Dimension

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Definition: Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. A set of vectors  $\{\vec{u}_m\}$  forms a basis of  $U$  if:

1.  $\{\vec{u}_m\}$  is a linearly independent set.
2.  $\text{span}\{\vec{u}_m\} = U$ .

Remark: There are infinitely many different bases of a subspace  $U$ , but each basis of  $U$  has the same number of vectors.

Dimension: The dimension of  $U$  is the number of vectors in a basis of  $U$ . It is written as  $\dim(U)$ .

Finding Dimension and Span: Given a set of vectors  $\{\vec{u}_m\}$ , we can solve  $[\vec{u}_1 \cdots \vec{u}_m \mid \vec{0}]$  In row echelon form, redundant columns can be eliminated such that the associated matrix in row echelon form is full rank. Thus,  $\dim(U)$  is the rank of the matrix, or the number of vectors in the span.

## Nullspace $N(A)$

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Definition: Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The nullspace of  $A$  is:

$$N(A) = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R} : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \right\}$$

In plain English, it is said that the nullspace is the set of vectors which by multiplication of  $A$  turn into the zero vector.

Finding the Nullspace: The nullspace can be obtained by solving the matrix  $[A \mid \vec{0}]$ , such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . The span of the solution to the matrix is the nullspace. The number of vectors in the span is the dimension of the matrix.

## Range $R(A)$

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Definition: Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. The range of  $A$  is:

$$R(A) = \{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : A\vec{x} = \vec{y} \text{ for some } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \}.$$

Finding the Range: Given a matrix  $A$ , use Gaussian elimination to bring it into row echelon form. The columns in the original matrix who have pivot entries in the REF matrix form the span of the range.

## Rank Nullity Theorem

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Let  $U$  be the row echelon form of  $A$ . We can generalize that:

$\dim(R(A))$ : Number of columns in  $U$  with a leading nonzero pivot element (rank of the matrix).

$\dim(N(A))$ : Number of columns in  $U$  without a leading nonzero pivot element.

Theorem: The rank-nullity theorem states that  $\dim(R(A)) + \dim(N(A)) = n$  for an  $n \times m$  matrix.

## Implications of the Rank-Nullity Theorem

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Theorem: Let  $A = LU$  be the LU decomposition of  $A$  (if it exists), and let  $r = \text{rank}(A)$ .

Then,  $R(A) = \text{span}\{\vec{l}_1, \dots, \vec{l}_r\}$  where  $\vec{l}_n$  are the first  $r$  columns of  $L$ .