

Q2) LU Decomposition, Vector Spaces and LT (5 marks)

- i. Find the LU decomposition of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix}$  when it exists. For which real numbers  $a$  &  $b$  does it exist?

Soln.

$$A = LU$$

or,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c & 1 & 0 \\ d & e & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f & g & h \\ 0 & i & j \\ 0 & 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_A \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_L \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_U$

$$\text{or, } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & g & h \\ cf & cg+i & ch+j \\ df & dg+ei & dh+ej+k \end{bmatrix}$$

on equating all elements (each) on both sides, we get

$$\boxed{f=1} \quad \boxed{g=0} \quad \boxed{h=1}$$

$$cf = a \text{ or } c \cdot 1 = a \text{ or } \boxed{c=a}$$

$$df = b \text{ or } d \cdot 1 = b \text{ or } \boxed{d=b}$$

$$cg+i = a \text{ or } c \cdot 0 + i = a \text{ or } \boxed{i=a}$$

$$dg+ei = b \text{ or } d \cdot 0 + e \cdot a = b \text{ or } \boxed{e = b/a}$$

$$ch+j = a \text{ or } a \cdot 1 + j = a \text{ or } \boxed{j=0}$$

$$dh+ej+k = a \text{ or } b \cdot 1 + \frac{b}{a} \cdot 0 + k = a \text{ or } \boxed{k = a-b}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & b/a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{matrix } A \text{ (k-by-k) has LU factorization if} \\ \text{Rank}(A_{11}) + k \geq \text{Rank}[A_{11} \quad A_n] + \text{Rank} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} \\ A_n \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{Rank}(1) + 3 \geq \text{Rank} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \text{Rank} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right]$$

i.e. all its leading principal minors are non-zero i.e.  $\Delta_i \neq 0, i=1,2,3$

i.e.  $A_1 = 1$   
leading  
submatrices are:

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a & a & a \\ b & b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $|A_1| = 1 \neq 0$

$$|A_2| = a - 0 \neq 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$$

$$|A_3| = 1(a^2 - ab) - 0 + 1(ab - ba) \neq 0$$

or,  $a^2 - ab \neq 0$

or  $a(a - b) \neq 0$

or  $\boxed{a \neq 0}$  or  $\boxed{a \neq b}$

Then  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  except  $a \neq 0$  &  $a \neq b$ . Ans.

ii. Find the dimension of the vector space spanned by the vectors  
 $\{[1, 1, -2, 0, 1], [1, 2, 0, -4, 1], [0, 1, 3, -3, 2], [2, 3, 0, -2, 0]\}$   
 and find a basis for the space. (1)

Soln.

The given vectors can be represented in matrix form as:

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

Applying Row transformations

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_1$$

$$\equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying again,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$   
 $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2$

$$\equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally applying  $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_3$ , we get

$$\equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

From the above matrix, after row transformation it is clear that we have four linearly independent vectors. So, these 4 vectors will span the vector space of A.

Then, the basis are:

$$\left\{ [1, 1, -2, 0, 1], [0, 1, 2, -4, 0], [0, 0, 1, 1, 2], [0, 0, 0, 0, -6] \right\}$$

Also, dimension of the vector space

= number of linearly independent vectors / rank

$$= 4. \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$

iii. Suppose that  $A$  is a matrix such that the complete solution to

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1}$$

is of the form:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

(a) What can be said about the columns of matrix  $A$ ? (0.5)

(b) Find the dimension of null space and rank of matrix  $A$ . (2)

Soln:

$$[A]_{m \times n} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1+2c \\ 1+c \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1}$$

We know that matrix multiplication is possible only when  
no. of columns in  $A$  matrix = number of rows in  $B$  matrix ( $AB$  to exist)

$$\therefore n = 3 \text{ \& } m = 4$$

$\therefore$  Order of matrix  $A = 4 \times 3$  (4 rows & 3 columns)

$\Rightarrow$  matrix  $A$  has 3 columns. Ans.

The complete solution of  $Ax=b$  will be all vectors that can be written as  $x_p + x_n$ , where  $x_p$  is our particular solution and  $x_n$  is a vector in the null space

Also we know that  $\dim \text{Null}(A) + \dim \text{Col}(A) = n$  (w.r.  $A$ )

$\downarrow$   
no. of free variables  
in row red. form of  $A$

$\downarrow$   
column corresp. to leading  
1's in the row red. form  
of  $A$

or, From Rank-Nullity Theorem,

$$\text{nullity}(A) + \text{rank}(A) = \text{columns}(A)$$

$\therefore \dim(\text{null space}) = \text{number of special solution} = 1$

$$\therefore 1 + \text{rank}(A) = 3$$

or

$$\boxed{\text{Rank}(A) = 2}$$

$$\boxed{\dim(\text{null space}) = 1}$$